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CURRENT LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 1. - 2. (Cancelled)

1 3. (Previously Presented) A method of communications between first and second  
2 wireless networks, comprising:

3 receiving, by one or more processing elements, a first data packet having a header  
4 and a payload portion, the header of the first data packet containing a private network address of  
5 a first node in the first wireless network, and the payload portion containing the private network  
6 address;

7 translating, by the one or more processing elements, the private network address  
8 in each of the header and payload portion to a public network address; and

9 sending, by the one or more processing elements, a second data packet having a  
10 header portion and payload portion that each contains the public network address translated from  
11 the private network address to a second node in the second wireless network.

1 4. (Previously Presented) A method of communications between first and second  
2 wireless networks, comprising:

3 receiving, by one or more processing elements, a first Internet Protocol (IP)  
4 packet having a payload portion containing a General packet radio service Tunneling Protocol  
5 (GTP) data unit, the first IP packet having a header containing a private network address of a  
6 first node in the first wireless network, and the GTP data unit in the payload portion of the first  
7 IP packet containing the private network address of the first node;

8 translating, by the one or more processing elements, the private network address  
9 in each of the header and payload portion to a public network address; and

10 sending, by the one or more processing elements, a second IP packet having a  
11 header and payload portion to a second node in the second wireless network, each of the header  
12 and payload portion of the second IP packet containing the public network address translated  
13 from the private network address.

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1       5. (Previously Presented) A method of communications between first and second  
2 wireless networks, comprising:

3               receiving, by a network address translator executed on one or more  
4 microprocessors, a first Internet Protocol (IP) packet having a payload portion containing a  
5 private network address of a first General packet radio service (GPRS) support node in the first  
6 wireless network, the first IP packet further having a header containing the private network  
7 address of the first GPRS support node;

8               translating, by the network address translator executed on the one or more  
9 microprocessors, the private network address in each of the header and payload portion to a  
10 public network address; and

11               sending, by the network address translator executed on the one or more  
12 microprocessors, a second IP packet having a header and payload portion to a second GPRS  
13 support node in the second wireless network, each of the header and payload portion of the  
14 second IP packet containing the public network address translated from the private network  
15 address.

1       6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein receiving the first IP  
2 packet containing the private network address of the first GPRS support node comprises  
3 receiving the first IP packet containing the private network address of a Serving GPRS Support  
4 Node, and wherein sending the second IP packet to the second GPRS support node comprises  
5 sending the second IP packet to a Gateway GPRS Support Node.

1       7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising:  
2               determining whether to establish a data session on a packet data network on  
3 behalf of a roaming mobile station through the first wireless network or the second wireless  
4 network.

1       8.-9. (Cancelled)

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1        10. (Previously Presented) An article comprising at least one machine-readable  
2 storage medium encoded with instructions that when executed cause a system to:  
3                receive a first packet having a header portion and a payload portion from a first  
4 node in a first wireless network, each of the header portion and payload portion containing a  
5 private network address of the first node;  
6                translate the private network address in the header portion and in the payload  
7 portion to a public network address; and  
8                send a second packet containing the public network address to a second node in a  
9 second wireless network, the second packet having a header portion and payload portion each  
10 containing the public network address.

1        11. (Cancelled)

1        12. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 10, wherein the instructions when  
2 executed cause the system to translate the private network address in the payload portion of the  
3 first packet by identifying a string in the payload portion of the first packet containing the private  
4 network address.

1        13. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 10, wherein the first packet has a  
2 payload portion containing General Packet Radio Service Tunneling Protocol (GTP) data, the  
3 GTP data containing the private network address.

1        14. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 10, wherein the instructions when  
2 executed cause the system to receive the first packet from a Serving General packet radio service  
3 Support Node in the first wireless network, the first node comprising the Serving General packet  
4 radio service Support Node.

1        15. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 14, wherein the instructions when  
2 executed cause the system to send the second packet to a Gateway General packet radio service  
3 Support Node in a second wireless network, the second node comprising the Gateway General  
4 packet radio service Support Node.

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1        16. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 15, wherein the instructions when  
2   executed cause the system to receive the first packet from the Serving General packet radio  
3   service Support Node associated with a first public land mobile network and to send the second  
4   packet to the Gateway General packet radio service Support Node associated with a second  
5   public land mobile network.

1        17. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 10, wherein the instructions when  
2   executed cause the system to receive the first packet from the first wireless network associated  
3   with a first network operator and to send the second packet to a node in a second wireless  
4   network associated with a second network operator.

1        18. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:  
2                an interface to a first wireless network, the interface adapted to receive a data  
3   packet containing a header portion and a payload portion, each of the header portion and the  
4   payload portion containing a first network address of a General packet radio service (GPRS)  
5   Support node in the first wireless network; and  
6                a network address translator module adapted to translate the first network address  
7   in each of the header portion and payload portion to a second, different network address  
8   associated with the GPRS Support node.

1        19. (Original) The system of claim 18, further comprising a controller adapted to  
2   send the data packet containing the second network address to a second wireless network.

1        20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the first wireless network is  
2   associated with a first network operator and the second wireless network is associated with a  
3   second network operator.

1        21. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the interface is adapted to receive the  
2   data packet comprising an Internet Protocol packet.

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1 22. (Cancelled)

1 23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the payload portion of  
2 the data packet contains a General Packet Radio Service Tunneling Protocol (GTP) data unit, the  
3 GTP data unit containing the first network address.

1 24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the first network address  
2 comprises a private network address of the GPRS support node, and wherein the second network  
3 address comprises a public network address of the GPRS support node.

1 25. (Previously Presented) An article comprising at least one machine-readable  
2 storage medium encoded with instructions that when executed cause a system to:  
3 perform translation of a private network address contained in each of a header and  
4 payload portion of a first Internet Protocol (IP) packet to a public network address, the private  
5 and public network addresses associated with a General packet radio service (GPRS) Support  
6 node in a first wireless network; and  
7 send a second packet having a header and payload portion each containing the  
8 public network address to a second wireless network.

1 26. (Cancelled)

1 27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein translating the private  
2 network address in the payload portion of the first data packet is performed by identifying a  
3 string in the payload portion containing the private network address.

1 28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, the network address translator to  
2 translate the first network address in the payload portion by identifying a string in the payload  
3 portion containing the first network address.

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1        29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein receiving the first data  
2    packet comprises receiving the first data packet having the payload portion that contains a Packet  
3    Data Protocol (PDP) Context Create request, the PDP Context Create request containing the  
4    private network address of the first node.

1        30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein receiving the first IP  
2    packet containing the GTP data unit comprises receiving the first IP packet containing the GTP  
3    data unit carrying a Packet Data Protocol (PDP) Context Create request.

1        31. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 10, wherein the payload portion of the  
2    first packet contains a Packet Data Protocol (PDP) Context Create request, the PDP Context  
3    Create request containing the private network address of the first node.

1        32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the payload portion of  
2    the data packet contains a Packet Data Protocol (PDP) Context Create request, the PDP Context  
3    Create request containing the private network address of the GPRS Support node.

1        33. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 25, wherein the payload portion of the  
2    first IP packet contains a Packet Data Protocol (PDP) Context Create request, the PDP Context  
3    Create request containing the private network address of the GPRS Support node.